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In Reply
Refer to: T-4-1

Jerry Flanders, Vice President
Pacific Airmotive Corp.
Sub. of Purex Industries
2940 N. Hollywood Way
Burbank, CA 91505

Re: San Fernando Valley Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Flanders:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are conducting an investigation of groundwater contamination in the San Fernando Valley to determine the nature, cause and extent of contamination in the San Fernando groundwater basin. The investigation will also assess the effects of the contamination on the environment and public health.

Part of this investigation will include identifying sources of contamination within the groundwater basin. EPA has reason to believe that your company may be in possession of needed information. Under the provisions of Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9604, and Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended by the Solid Waste Disposal Acts Amendments of 1980 (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6927, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to require any person who generates or has generated or otherwise handled hazardous waste and/or hazardous substances to furnish information regarding its operations. The words "hazardous substances," "hazardous waste" and "person" are defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 (14) of CERCLA, and 42 U.S.C. Section 6903(5) and 6903(15) of RCRA. Those definitions should be used to answer the questions below. Pursuant to these statutory provisions, you are hereby requested to provide the following information:

1. A detailed description of all hazardous substances and hazardous wastes that were or are used in operation or production-related processes at your facility located at 2940 N. Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA and the dates of use or generation at this facility. For each substance and each waste, provide the following information:

- (a) the common chemical name, specific chemical name, and chemical composition by volume for liquids and weight for solids;
 - (b) the total amount, in gallons for liquids and in tons for solids;
 - (c) the methods and processes used to generate, store, treat, dispose of, and otherwise handle each substance;
 - (d) when and where the above processes occurred and are occurring. Please specify dates and locations as precisely as possible. Location information should include, but not be limited to, information pertaining to ponds, tanks, treatment facilities, and other units which were historically used to treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous substances but which may no longer exist.
2. Any photographs, maps, or diagrams, regardless of their date, which show areas where hazardous substances have been or may be located.
3. A description of past and present disposal and transport practices of hazardous substances and hazardous wastes generated or used at your facility. Specifically, please provide a detailed description, including copies of manifests of hazardous substances and hazardous wastes transported or disposed of at disposal sites used by your company. Also provide the name and address of all transporter(s) used by your company to transport hazardous substances or hazardous wastes.
4. Locations and detailed descriptions of all monitoring wells, supply wells, injection wells, and underground tanks at your facility.
5. All analyses from sampling of monitoring and supply wells and underground tanks at your facility.
6. A list of all current and former employees, agents, contractors, consultants, company officers and other personnel who may possess knowledge or information relevant to this inquiry. This list should include each individual's name, address, telephone number and job title or function.
7. Length of time your company has been at the site location and any information you have regarding former occupants of this location and their hazardous waste practices.

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8. A descriptive list of all insurance policies held by your company. The description should include the dates during which each policy was in force, the general type of policy, e.g., comprehensive, general liability, automobile and the insurance company issuing the policy, policy number, and any specific provision of the policy which may relate to claims for environmental damages.
9. An audited set of financial statements which includes a Statement of Financial Position/Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Statement of Changes in Working Capital, and any other supplementary information for your company's most recent fiscal year.

Your response to this request for information must be sent to EPA within thirty calendar days of your receipt of the letter and should be directed to:

Christina Felton or Patti Cleary
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Under Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6928, failure to comply with this request may result in an Order requiring compliance or a civil action for appropriate relief, including penalties. Failure to comply with this request under Section 104 of CERCLA may also result in a civil enforcement action against you by EPA. In addition, Section 3008(d) of RCRA imposes criminal penalties against any person who knowingly makes any false statements or misrepresentations in responding to a request for information issued under Section 3007 of RCRA.

EPA regulations governing confidentiality of business information are set forth in Part 2, Subpart B of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. For any portion of the information submitted which you believe is entitled to confidential treatment, a confidentiality claim may be asserted in accordance with 40 C.F.R., Section 2.203(b). If EPA determines that the information so designated meets the criteria set forth in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203, the information will be disclosed only to the extent, and by means of the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. EPA will construe the failure to furnish a confidentiality claim with response to this letter as a waiver of that claim, and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice.

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Please include in your response to this request a notarized affidavit from a responsible company official stating that a diligent record search has been completed and that there has been a diligent interview of present and former employees who may have knowledge of operations, chemical use, and business practices. Also include in the affidavit a statement that all information responsive to this request has been forwarded to the Agency.

Please give this matter your immediate attention. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Christina Felton, Superfund Programs Branch (415) 974-8368, or Jon Wactor, Assistant Regional Counsel (415) 974-8042.

Sincerely,

David Bernstein

for Jeff Zelikson
Acting Director
Toxics & Waste Management Division

cc: Nestor Acedera, DHS
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